

House Resolution 22 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 22

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and PETERSEN

1 A Resolution supporting the Republic of China on Taiwan
2 as a part of the global community.

3 WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) as the
4 world's 19th largest economy has achieved economic
5 and social stability and in the last two decades has
6 been lauded as a beacon of democracy for Asia, has
7 dramatically improved its record on human rights, and
8 has taken great steps forward to enter the world arena
9 as a trusted partner; and

10 WHEREAS, Taiwan's absence from international
11 organizations has impeded Taiwan's ability to
12 participate in global climate initiatives and to
13 respond to natural disasters like Typhoon Morakot,
14 which struck Taiwan in the summer of 2009, an unusually
15 destructive typhoon season in the Pacific; and

16 WHEREAS, the Taiwan government is grateful for
17 the assistance and condolences of the international
18 community in the wake of Typhoon Morakot in 2009, as
19 dozens of international organizations and nations
20 stepped up to help, including the United States, which
21 supplied military equipment for rescue and recovery
22 operations, the European Union, Japan, and the Chinese
23 mainland; and

24 WHEREAS, aviation safety has become a major global
25 concern since 2001, and Taiwan is a key air transport
26 hub in the Asia-Pacific region, with over 1.35 million
27 flights passing through the Taipei Flight Information

1 Region, and with the world's 15th-largest airport by
2 cargo volume, Taoyuan International Airport; and

3 WHEREAS, the Taiwan government has undertaken a
4 policy of "flexible diplomacy" in its international
5 relations and a pragmatic approach to China, having
6 completed a number of cross-strait liberalization
7 measures, including regular, direct passenger
8 flights between mainland China and Taiwan and other
9 goodwill measures, resulting in reciprocal gestures
10 and rapprochement between Taipei and Beijing; NOW
11 THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
13 That the House of Representatives affirms its support
14 for the participation of Taiwan in the United Nations
15 Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the
16 International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to
17 increase Taiwan's international space and contribution
18 to the global community; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the
20 House of Representatives is hereby directed to send a
21 copy of this Resolution to Hillary Clinton, Secretary
22 of State of the United States; Executive Secretary
23 Christiana Figueres of the UNFCCC; Secretary General
24 Raymond Benjamin of the ICAO; and the Taipei Economic
25 and Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.